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House gives states say over gay marriage

WASHINGTON • In a vote against same-sex marriage, the Republican-controlled House on Thursday approved a bill designed to let state courts rather than federal courts decide whether states should recognize out-of-state marriages between people of the same sex.

The White House-backed measure was approved on a largely party-line vote of 233-194. It faces an uncertain fate in the Senate, which last week scuttled a proposed constitutional amendment barring same-sex marriage.

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Report criticizes interrogators' techniques

WASHINGTON • Military interrogators working in Iraq and Afghanistan improperly embraced harsh techniques that had been approved only for use on detainees held at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, according to a 321-page report released Thursday by the Army inspector general.

The report, written by Lt. Gen. Paul Mikolashek, said commanders in Iraq and Afghanistan incorporated the harsher techniques into their interrogation policies based in part on memos they had read about the Guantanamo interrogations.

The report said, however, the commanders failed to "take